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1. Although the cost of food is high even in cheap restaurants in Bucharest, all these establishments nevertheless have a steady patronage. Most of the young Communists who are single and have come to Bucharest from other parts of the country, patronize all restaurants a great deal. Even the workers can afford to go to restaurants as most of them earn money on the side from various "deals" or other jobs.
2. The average Rumanian worker can cheat on the job, reporting to work and then sneaking out to do something else. Everyone, from the lowest to the highest paid worker, steals from his place of work. That is why salaries are so low; the Government knows what is going on, but cannot stop it.
3. Bread and other food is plentiful in Bucharest but such is not the case elsewhere in Rumania. Food is very scarce in Sighisoara. Flour, for instance, if available at all, costs 14 lei per kilogram while it is 4 lei in Bucharest. All the food is being shipped to Bucharest "to impress the people".

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